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SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, now I'd like to make some comments. I rise to support Senator Cavanaugh's move. I would hope that we start at the outset. The idea that all of are trying to improve the budget document. I know that Senator Marsh said that everybody has a special project. Well, the members of the Budget Committee had the first shot at putting theirs in and this is the shot that each member on the floor has at correcting that document so that it is a harmonious unified document that supports the interest and the concerns of all of us. So, I would hope that we start on that note, that it is to provide an opportunity for the membership to evaluate the priorities of the Budget Committee, to agree in some cases and there are some cases I do agree and where we have legitimate disagreements as to where the priorities ought to be and where the money ought to be, we ought to act accordingly. I would hope that members of the committee do not get defensive in trying to determine what the priorities are. Senator Cavanaugh, I think, has presented a legitimate need. I think he's presented a legitimate concern and I hope you adopt his amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm also in favor of this appropriation. I'm not going to go over the ground that has already been plowed, but as it's been pointed out, members of the Budget Committee do get the first crack at everything that comes before them and on this floor we've seen a lot of instances of various structures and programs funded by the Legislature which are going to take place in Lincoln. I can understand the members of the Budget Committee who might happen be from Lincoln being concerned about the city but I never look at the city as an entity as I've said on taxes and other matters. I think that the people who are involved and those who will be benefited by programs. When we were trying to get the Equal Right Amendment, as it was called, through this body, a lot was made of the way women are placed in a subordinate position, given the leavings and the leftovers and now we come to a small amount of money like this which can help establish the notion that women ought to be given degree of consideration at the University and it's not on a parity with men even now, so, not only would this money help in a physical program but I think it might do something psychologically which can be of benefit. Universities are different from colleges. Universities are supposed to be composed of a broad spectrum of different disciplines and types of knowledge. The physical, no less than the mental, must be properly taken care of. A sound mind and a sound body is a Greek ideal. In order for women to get the kind of consideration that's required.....

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator Chambers, we have absolutely no order in the Chamber this morning. Could we have it quieter please for Senator Chambers? Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They don't need to be quiet on my account. If you want to be disorderly but vote green on this, continue as you were. I think I've said about all I have to say. I know I can't persuade anybody. If you're